

City of Cleveland
Public Art Program

New Ward 1 Recreation Center at
Frederick Douglass Park,
Public Art Component



CALL FOR ARTISTS
Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

SEPTEMBER 2021

The City of Cleveland, through its Public Art Program, is requesting qualifications from artists, designers, or teams thereof who may be interested in producing public artwork for the Ward 1 Recreation Center, at 15401 Miles Avenue, within the boundaries of Frederick Douglass Park. The facility is currently under construction, and has an all-inclusive budget of \$185,000 for the artwork(s).

Rather than submit pre-conceived proposals, artists will be chosen for further consideration based on their qualifications. The selected artist(s) will work with city staff, neighborhood residents, and other stakeholders to develop innovative, original art that will be relevant to the recreation center and the neighborhoods it will serve.

The Public Art Program

The City of Cleveland's Public Art Program requires that certain major capital projects undertaken by the City set aside 1.5% of their construction budgets for use toward a public art component.

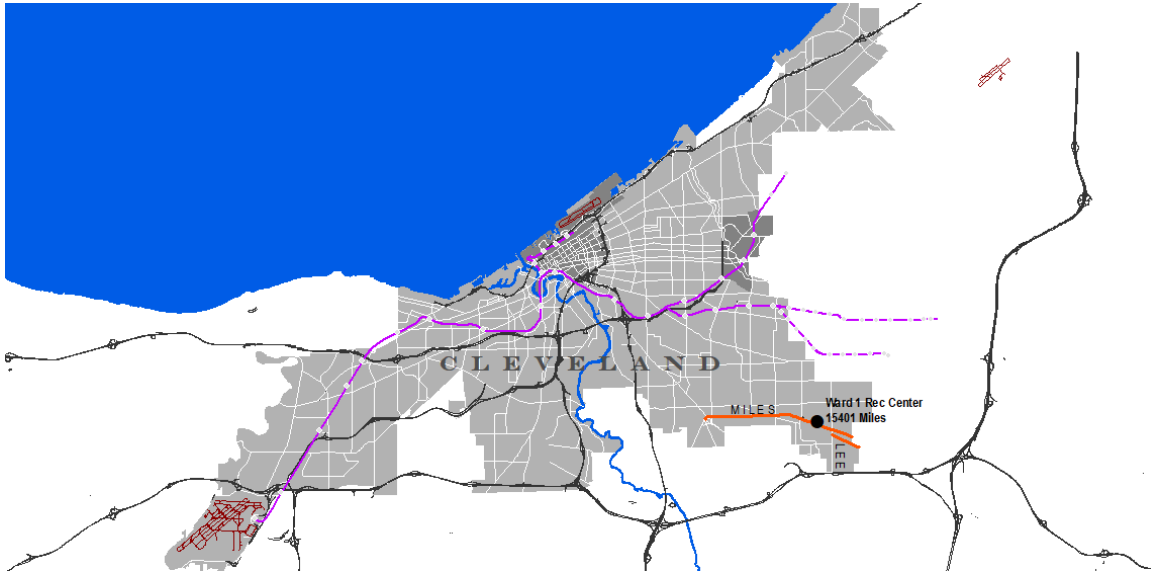
Program requirements are that the artwork be in proximity to the improvements that generated the funding for the artwork.

Eligibility

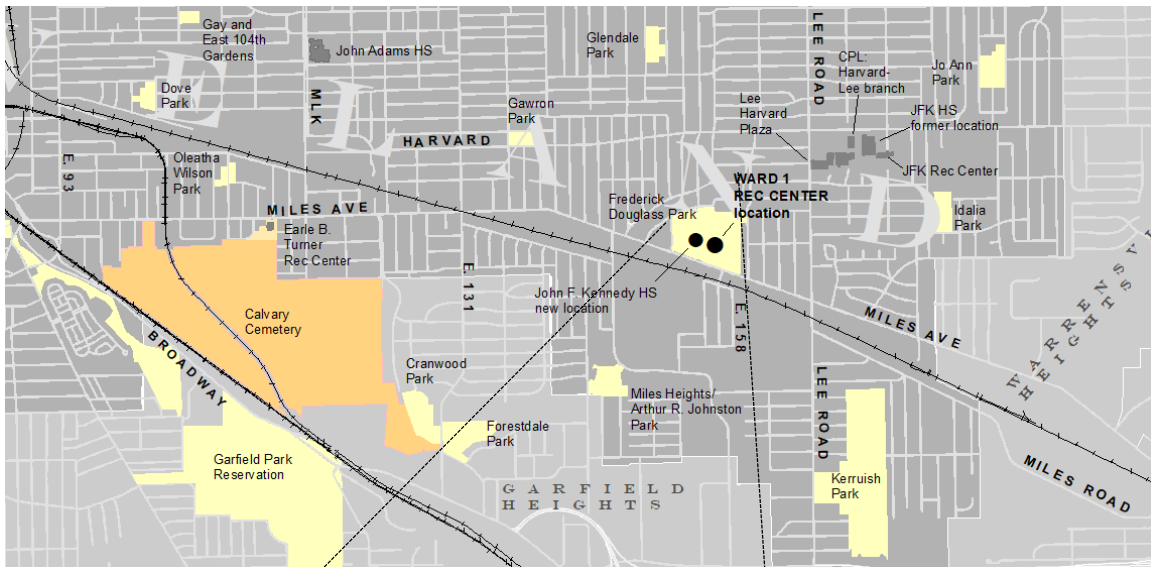
This competition is open to qualified artists, designers, or teams thereof, aged 18 or over and based in (or with connections or ties to) Northeast Ohio. Artists with connections to Lee-Harvard or adjacent neighborhoods are especially encouraged to apply.

Location of Ward 1 Recreation Center

The map below shows the location of the center at 15401 Miles Avenue. It is immediately to the east of the new campus of John F. Kennedy High School.



The next map shows the center's location within its surrounding neighborhood. The site plan below the map shows the layout of the new Ward 1 Recreation Center in orange, and the relocated and recently opened John F. Kennedy High School faded out in light gray, to the left.



Project information

The new Ward 1 Recreation Center is now under construction in Frederick Douglass Park in the Lee-Harvard neighborhood of Cleveland. The neighborhood is one of the city's loftiest, with elevations reaching 500 feet above the surface of Lake Erie. The neighborhood's story is told in the Cleveland Restoration Society's *The Making of Cleveland's Black "Suburb in the City": Lee-Seville and Lee-Harvard*.

The artwork can take many forms in the new recreation center, including, but not limited to sculpture, interior murals, or suspended works. Preference areas have been identified as the outdoor circular greenspace between the high school and the recreation center—which faces the aquatic center of the facility—or the gallery area of the interior space. Other opportunities are in the upper gym wall, aquatic center walls, and the hallway to the left of the lobby. Anything attached or applied to the exterior building façade or that disturbs the grid system of the lobby walls is off limits. Artworks will have to be designed to require minimal maintenance.

Elevations and site, landscaping, and floor plans, along with renderings and photos of construction in progress, appear after the submission requirements, starting on page 4.

Project budget

The budget for this project is \$185,000. The budget is all-inclusive and required to cover all public art-related expenses, including, but not limited to, design or artist fee, engineering, fabrication, and installation. Additionally, there is an allowance in the construction general contract to assist with installation-related infrastructure costs. There are no funds available for travel-related expenses.

The budget can be used for one signature artwork or for several smaller artworks. Artists should keep this in mind when preparing their required narrative for this submission.

Submission requirements

Artists or teams are required to electronically submit a one-page narrative describing their qualifications, explaining why they would be interested in working on this project, and stating their ties to Northeast Ohio and, if applicable, the neighborhood. Artists should indicate what general vision they have and approaches they would take to this project and make note of how they usually go about involving neighborhood residents and others in developing their designs.

Additionally, artists are required to submit, in electronic format (PDF is preferred, and we cannot accept zip files):

- An up-to-date CV or resume;
- Up to 10 images depicting completed relevant work in JPEG or PNG format (none of the images may contain identifying information), suitable for inclusion in a PPT or PDF presentation; and
- An annotated slide list for the depicted artworks, including location, commissioning agency, materials, and total project budget. Submitters should note what their role was in producing the works depicted.

Up to four artists, designers, or teams thereof will be invited to interview with the City of Cleveland's Public Art Committee.

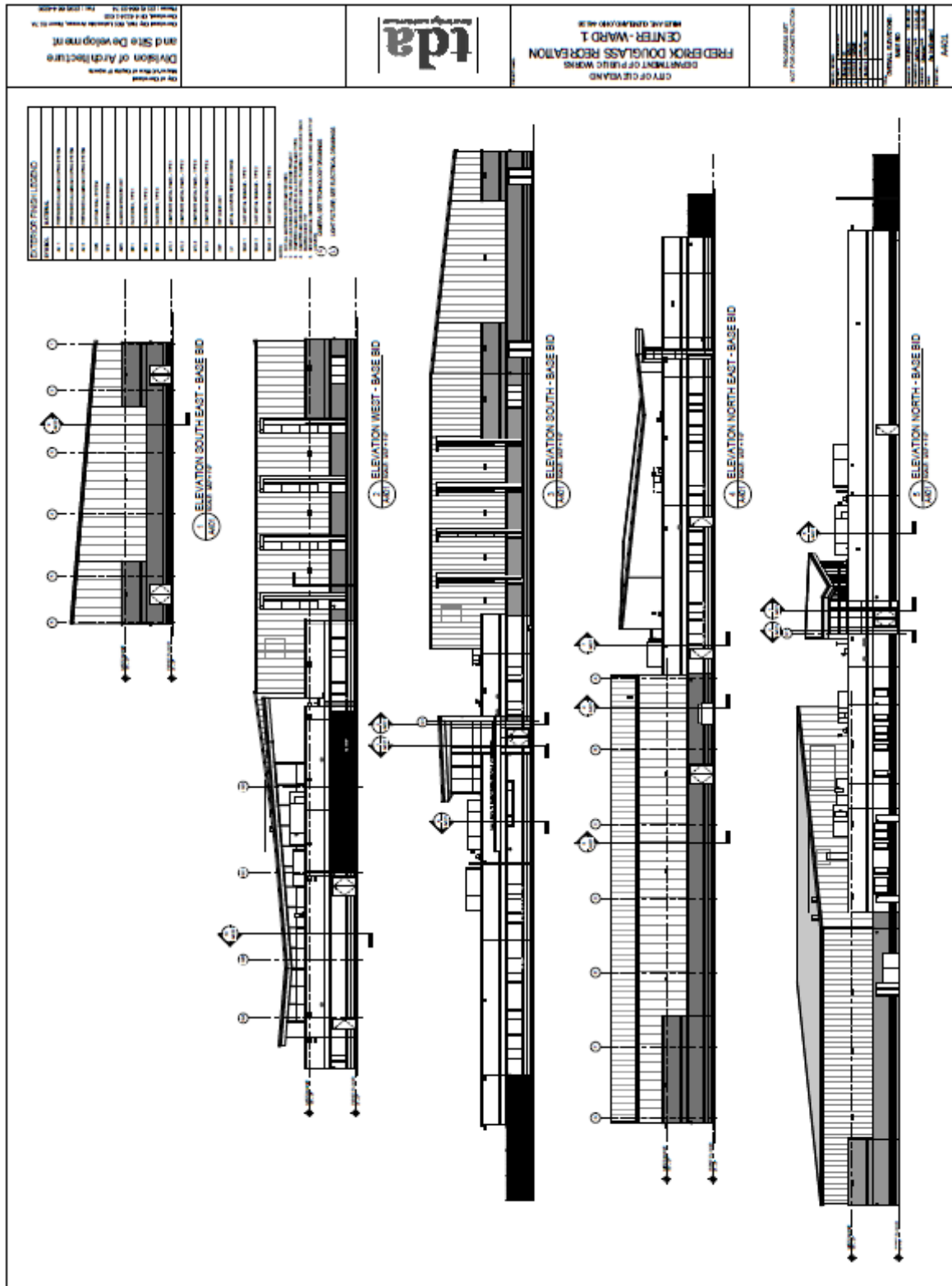
Please note that artists are not being asked to submit proposals at this time.

Submission deadline

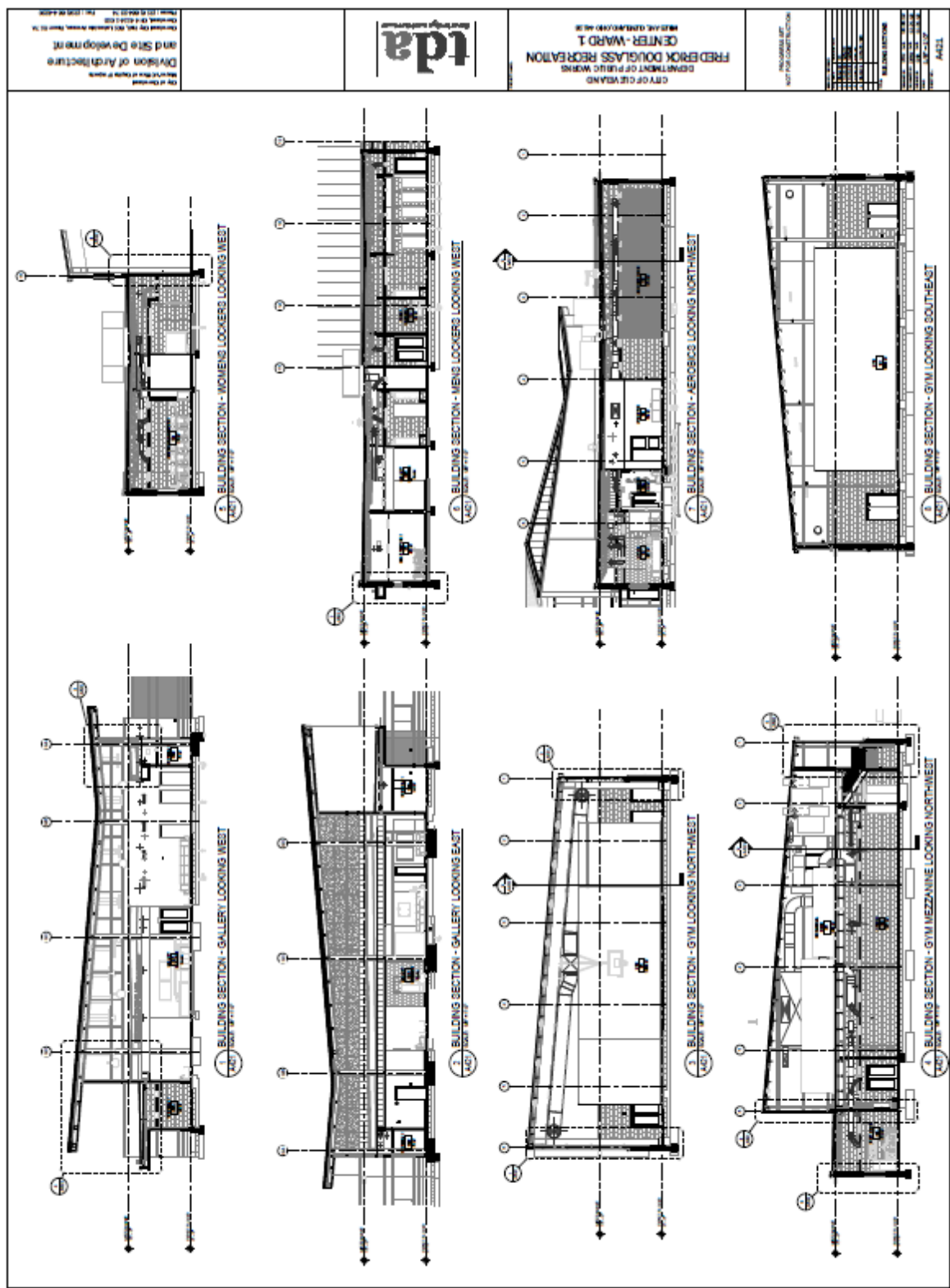
Submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Cleveland time, on Monday, October 18, 2021. Entries must be submitted electronically to both Tarra Petras, the city's public art project coordinator, at tpetras@clevelandohio.gov, and Vince Reddy of LAND studio, at vreddy@land-studio.org. Again, we **cannot** accept zip files, nor files exceeding 30MB.

Direct questions to Tarra or Vince at the e-mail addresses above.

Ward 1 Rec Center, **Elevations**



Ward 1 Rec Center, **Sections**





Floor Plan - Alternate 2

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15401 Miles Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44128

Design Review Submittal 06.05.2019



Ward 1 Rec Center, **Site and landscaping plan**



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Ward 1 Rec Center, **Aerial rendering**



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Ward 1 Rec Center, **Entry rendering**



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LOBBY RENDERING - VIEW 2

Ward 1 Rec Center, **Photos of construction in progress**



The photo above shows the front of the facility under construction. The aquatic center is on the left, the main entrance is in the middle, and the gym is on the right. (3/8/21)



The relocated and recently opened John F. Kennedy High School is immediately to the west. (7/20/21)

Ward 1 Rec Center, **Photos of construction in progress**



There are many outdoor locations on the Ward 1 Recreation Center campus that would be suitable for artwork. The photo above shows a curving path to the north of the center, near the baseball fields. The photo below shows a portion of the circular plaza that will be centrally located between the center and JFK High School. (7/20/21)



Ward 1 Rec Center, **Photos of construction in progress**



The photo above is of the main entrance, which faces Miles Road. The main lobby (right) is shown looking toward the back of the building, just inside of the front entrance. (7/20/21)



An upper wall of the main lobby is shown above. On the right, a hallway leads from the lobby to the aquatic center. (7/20/21)



Ward 1 Rec Center, **Photos of construction in progress**

There are several large walls in the building that could accommodate artwork. Aquatic center walls are shown in the first row and in the left image on the second row. The other photos are of walls in the gym. (7/20/21)

